

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending June 2, 2002**. Wet weather has delayed planting activities, but dry areas of the state welcomed the rain. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 24 percent short, 48 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2001	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	8	2	9	11	0	5	16	62	17
Cotton	Planted	96	93	100	98	5	14	36	39	6
	Emerged	89	84	97	94					
	Squaring	5	1	9	7					
Rice	Planted	99	98	100	99	0	7	18	60	15
	Emerged	95	92	99	95					
Sorghum	Planted	97	94	100	95	0	2	18	77	3
	Emerged	93	89	98	89					
Soybeans	Planted	90	87	98	88	1	6	23	60	10
	Emerged	82	75	94	79					
	Blooming	6	1	16	5					
Wheat	Mature	70	40	81	73	0	18	40	33	9
	Harvested	11	4	14	25					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	89	85	94	86	13	4	30	35	18
(Warm Season)		16	14	19	17					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	19	15	21	28	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons						5	16	40	32	7
Cattle						1	4	24	63	8
Pasture						3	10	35	46	6
Blueberries						0	0	7	85	8

County Agent Comments

“Rain continued to delay planting and change producers’ planting intentions. A good many acres that producers intended to plant to cotton will now be planted to beans. The rest of the rice acres will be planted if weather permits. The warm weather has helped turn the cotton crop around.”

— Mack Young, Quitman County

“Crops are looking better after the cool weather last week. Moisture is getting shorter and some corn and soybean irrigation is taking place. Thrips in cotton are a widespread problem.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“Crops are growing pretty much on schedule. Ryegrass hay harvest is nearing completion. Cattle are doing well from the most recent rains that generated some new growth on the forages.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“Most of the county received 2-4 inches of rain last week, and this helped all crops. The corn was really hurting, but should make a decent crop now. The rains also helped summer pastures that were bare due to the lack of water. Vegetable problems have begun due to the warm, humid days. Blights and funguses seem to be common at this time.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

“We received some rain but it has not been consistent over the entire county. Some areas received as much as 1-½ inches, while others received only 2/10 to 3/10 of an inch. Southern pine beetle activity has picked up also.”

—Perry Brumfield, Lincoln County

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Weather Summary from May 27, 2002 to June 2, 2002 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	87	64	75	76	-1	1.85	+0.66	2	3.66	81	64	73	
Cleveland	91	65	77	75	+2	0.92 E	-0.27	3	3.52E				
Tunica	89			75		0.67	-0.62	3	2.99	90	72	79	0.18
Extreme/Average	91	64	76	75	+1	1.15	+0.05	3	3.39	90	64	76	0.18
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				71		1.49	+0.30	3	5.21				0.22
Memphis	91	63	77	75	+2	1.60	+0.55	2	4.00				
Oxford	90	60	75	72	+3	1.05	-0.17	3	4.37				
Extreme/Average	91	60	76	73	+3	1.38	+0.30	3	4.53				0.22
3. Northeast													
Booneville	89	61	74	72	+2	1.93	+0.65	5	4.08				
Corinth				74		1.33 E	+0.17	4	3.91E				
Iuka	89	55	71	70	+1	0.76	-0.44	4	2.60				
Pontotoc	87	61	74	74	0	1.61	+0.42	4	3.20	83	70	75	0.20
Tupelo	93	61	76	73	+3	0.52	-0.78	4	1.73				
Verona	91	61	76	74	+2	1.70	+0.58	2	3.57	91	68	78	0.28
Extreme/Average	93	55	74	73	+1	1.31	+0.24	4	3.18	91	68	76	0.24
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	90	63	78	76	+2	1.14 E	-0.03	1	1.54E	81	86	83	
Rolling Fork	94	63	77	76	+1	0.46	-0.63	4	2.49	98	79	87	0.21
Stoneville	94	63	77	76	+1	0.24	-0.83	3	1.56	90	72	80	0.22
Yazoo City	91	63	75	76	-1	1.82	+0.72	2	4.34				
Extreme/Average	94	63	77	76	+1	0.92	-0.12	3	2.48	98	72	83	0.20
5. Central													
Carthage				74		1.01 E	+0.02	3	2.17E				
Greenwood	92	64	76	76	0	0.90	-0.22	3	2.33				
Jackson	93	63	76	75	+1	2.71	+1.77	3	3.64				
Winona	88	58	72	71	+1	0.70	-0.35	2	2.12				
Extreme/Average	93	58	75	74	+1	1.33	+0.36	3	2.57				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	90	57	73			1.37 E	+0.39	3	1.87E				
Columbus	92	61	76	75	+1	0.70	-0.28	2	1.95				
State University	91	60	75	74	+1	0.33	-0.66	3	3.25	82	74	77	0.17
Extreme/Average	92	57	75	74	+1	0.80	-0.13	3	2.36	82	74	77	0.17
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	92	60	76	76	0	1.78	+0.62	2	2.10	80	70	75	
Natchez	88	60	73	76	-3	0.40	-0.79	3	2.05				
Oakley	92	62	76	75	+1	2.01	+0.94	5	4.04				
Vicksburg	90	65	75			1.07		4	4.17				
Extreme/Average	92	60	75	76	-1	1.32	+0.23	4	3.09	80	70	75	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	91	61	76	76	0	2.75	+1.56	4	3.44				
McComb	93	62	76	76	0	5.33	+4.18	3	6.38				
Extreme/Average	93	61	76	76	0	4.04	+2.95	4	4.91				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	95	56	76			4.72		3	5.58				
Hattiesburg	92	60	76	76	0	5.26 E	+4.18	3	6.55E				
Laurel				75		4.04	+3.02	3	4.40				
Meridian	94	60	75	75	0	0.83	-0.12	3	1.69				
Newton	92	54	74	74	0	1.08	+0.24	3	2.17	88	68	77	0.30
Extreme/Average	95	54	75	75	0	3.19	+2.29	3	4.08	88	68	77	0.30
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	95	58	75	77	-2	1.22	+0.09	2	1.57				
BiloxiAFB	88	66	78			1.67		3	2.50				
Gulfport	88	65	76	78	-2	3.65	+2.44	3	4.60				
Pascagoula	93	58	76			2.64 E		3	3.07E				
Poplarville	94	60	77	77	0	4.62	+3.49	3	5.16	94	70	80	0.26
Extreme/Average	95	58	76	77	-1	2.76	+1.66	3	3.38	94	70	80	0.26
State	95	54	75	75	0	1.82	+0.80	3	3.37	98	64	78	0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.